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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

[There are no official meetings scheduled at Headquarters, on Monday, 26 December 2005, *official holiday*, and on Tuesday, 27 December.]

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation, convened by the Chair-designate of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, on Wednesday, 4 January 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general exchange of views of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, to be held from 9 to 20 January 2006, is *open*. To inscribe on the list, please contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; or e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

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Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chairperson of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Ernesto Araníbar Quiroga (Bolivia), will hold an informal briefing for all interested delegations on the preparations for the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Wednesday, 18 January 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m., in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the forty-fourth session are contained in document E/CN.5/2006/1.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (16-19 January 2006) will take place on Wednesday, 11 January 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing will focus in particular on the agenda items related to the annual report of the Executive Director to the Economic and Social Council (item 3); the biennial support budget for 2006-2007 (item 5); the health and nutrition strategy (item 8); and the water, sanitation and hygiene strategy (item 10). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in document E/ICEF/2006/1[1]. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2006

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 16-19 January 2006 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2006/1[1]. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_25993.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 13 January 2006.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting with the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP, will be held on Friday, 20 January (in the Trusteeship Council Chamber), and on Monday, 23 January 2006 (in the Economic and Social Council Chamber).

[1] To be issued.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, as follows:

Monday, 9 January 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6: on the overview of findings and recommendations of the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP and the UNDP management response; and

Wednesday, 11 January 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: on the UNIFEM organizational assessment (A/60/62-E/2005/10), chaired by H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein (Jordan), Chairman of the Consultative Committee of UNIFEM.

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 2006, on Monday, 9 January 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6.

First regular session 2006

The first regular session 2006 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Tuesday, 24 January, to Friday, 27 January 2006, in a conference room to be announced. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2006/L.1. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but not later than Friday, 13 January 2006.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 20 January, and Monday, 23 January 2006, in a conference room to be announced. Prior to the convening of the joint meeting, there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 20 January, at 10 a.m., to elect its new Bureau for 2006.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Monday, 5 December 2005, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 20 December 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

34th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.40: The Peacebuilding Commission (A/C.5/60/22 and A/60/7/Add.25)

Following informal consultations, the Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision A/C.5/60/L.11.

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Rwanda (on behalf of the African Group).

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . . . . . [134]

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [135]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Chief of the Political, Legal, and Humanitarian Service of the Office of Programme Planning and Budget Division, introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/60/265, A/60/573, A/60/264, A/60/575 and A/60/436)

The Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Committee introduced the related report of that Committee (A/60/591).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union), Namibia (on behalf of the African Group), Rwanda, Japan and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 20 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5 under the chairmanship of Ms. Sarah McGrath (Ireland).

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

The Chief of the Common Support Services Service of the Office of Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/60/572, A/60/572/Add.1, A/60/572/Add.2, A/60/572/Add.3 and A/60/572/Add.4).

The Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Committee introduced the related report of that Committee (A/60/597).

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The Chief of the Political, Legal, and Humanitarian Service of the Office of Programme Planning and Budget Division replied

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 20 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5 under the chairmanship of Mr. Yoo Dae-jong (Republic of Korea).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.34 and its amendment (A/60/L.35): The Rwanda Genocide and the United Nations (A/C.5/60/20 and A/60/7/Add.26)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.28: Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignities of Persons with Disabilities (A/C.5/60/21 and A/60/7/Add.27)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62 (as orally revised): International migration and development (A/C.5/60/23 and A/60/7/Add.28)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.32/Rev.1: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/C.5/60/24 and A/60/7/Add.29)

The Officer-in charge of the Economic, Social and Human Rights Service of the office of Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/60/20, A/C.5/60/21, A/C.5/60/23 and A/C.5/60/24).

The Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Committee introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/60/7/Add.26, A/60/7/Add.27, A/60/7/Add.28 and A/60/7/Add.29).

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Committee replied to questions raised.

Other matters

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania made a statement.

Wednesday, 21 December 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

35th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.43: Preparations for and organization of the 2006 follow-up meeting on the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

The Chief of the Common Support Services Service of the Office of Programme Planning and Budget Division orally introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

The representative of Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Committee orally introduced the related report of that Committee which will subsequently be issued as A/60/7/Add.30.

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Friday, 23 December 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

69th plenary meeting

The summary of the 69th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2005/249/Add.1).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

36th meeting

The summary of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2005/249/Add.1).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Accession: Serbia and Montenegro (20 December 2005)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Serbia and Montenegro (20 December 2005)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Sri Lanka (22 December 2005)[1]

United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts
New York, 23 November 2005

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel
New York, 8 December 2005

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 23 November 2005 during the 53rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly by resolution 60/21 (A/RES/60/21). In accordance with its article 16, the Convention shall be open for signature by all States from 16 January 2006 to 16 January 2008 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The above Optional Protocol was adopted on 8 December 2005 during the 61st plenary meeting of the General Assembly by resolution 60/42. In accordance with its article IV, the Optional Protocol shall be open for signature by all States from 16 January 2006 to 16 January 2007 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Certified true copies of the Convention and Optional Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention and/or Optional Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: http://untreaty.un.org.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2005* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi

Asian States:
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Samir Shakir Mahmood Sumaida'ie

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mr. Mihnea Ioan Motoc

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Barbados
H.E. Mr. Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett

Western European and other States:
Canada
H.E. Mr. Allan Rock

Web sites

Presidency of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/arabic/ga/president
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
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List of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Friday, 23 December 2005.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixtieth session
	First Committee
A/C.1/60/PV.1	Meeting held on 29 September 2005, 10 a.m. [C R]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixtieth session
A/60/601	Item 127 — Pattern of conferences — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/602	Item 128 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/603	Item 129 — Human resources management — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/604	Item 132 — Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/605	Item 134 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/606	Item 135 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/607	Item 125 — Programme planning — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/609	Item 122 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/616	Items 124 and 64 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Advancement of women — Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.17 (as orally revised) — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/60/617	Items 124 and 97 (d) — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — General and complete disarmament — Transparency in armaments — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/60/L.50/Rev.1 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/60/618 — Items 124 and 67 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Rights of the Child — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.22/Rev.1 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/60/619 — Items 124 and 64 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Advancement of women — Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.15/Rev.1 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/60/620 — Items 124 and 71 (c) — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in Myanmar — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.53 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/60/621 — Items 124 and 73 (a) — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance to the United Nations — Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.34 and the amendment thereto (A/60/L.35) — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/60/622 — Items 124 and 71 (b) — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.28, as revised — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/60/623 — Items 124 and 54 (c) — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Globalization and interdependence — International migration and development — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.62 as orally revised — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/60/624 — Item 124 and 55 (a) — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Group of countries in special situations — Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.32/Rev.1 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/60/625 — Items 124 and 45 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS — Preparations for and organization of the 2006 follow-up meeting on the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.43 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/60/L.20 — Item 128 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/60/L.21 Item 127 — Pattern of conferences — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations [A C E F R S]

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

A/AC.154/364 Letter dated 19 December 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [A C E F R S]

Security Council **Documents**

S/2005/799 Letter dated 16 December 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2005/813 Letter dated 19 December 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Committee on the Status of Women
Fiftieth session

E/CN.6/2006/2 Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": review of gender mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system — Measures taken and progress achieved in the follow-up to and implementation of the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly: review of progress made in mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Thirty-fourth session

CEDAW/C/2006/I/3/Add.4
Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Reports provided by specialized agencies of the United Nations on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities — Note by the Secretary-General — International Labour Organization [A C E F R S]

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